

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Introduced By: Senators Raptakis, DiPalma, Lauria, Euer, Lawson, Ujifusa, Burke,
McKenney, Murray, and Quezada

Date Introduced: March 22, 2023

Referred To: Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

(Dept. of Revenue)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-3-11 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-3 entitled "Registration
2 of Vehicles" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **31-3-11. Contents of registration plate.**

4 (a) Every registration plate shall have displayed upon it the registration number assigned
5 to the vehicle for which it is issued, the name of the state of Rhode Island along the top, which may
6 be abbreviated "R.I.", and the year number for which it is issued or the date of its expiration.
7 Registration plates shall also have printed on them along the bottom the words, "ocean state".

8 (b) The provision requiring the printing of the words "ocean state" ~~on~~ along the bottom of
9 these plates shall ~~not only~~ pertain to commercial private passenger plates. ~~or to plates issued to~~
10 ~~recipients of the Purple Heart~~ Registration plates for all other plate types shall have the plate type
11 printed on the plate along the bottom.

EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would amend the contents of what is to be displayed on a motor vehicle registration
- 2 plate.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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